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House Resolution 855

By: Representatives Abrams of the 84<sup>th</sup>, Mangham of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Mosby of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Stephenson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Joann Price; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Joann Price has been sharing her talent and beautiful music with the
- 3 congregation of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church for the past 20 years; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the daughter of an African Methodist Episcopal minister, Ms. Price began
- 5 sharing her gift of song in the children's choir at her stepfather's church; and
- 6 WHEREAS, self-taught on the piano, Ms. Price demonstrated her skill and musical ability
- 7 in the junior choir at St. Philip A.M.E. Church; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she devoted 25 years of musical ministry at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in
- 9 Mansfield, Georgia, leading the choir in powerful and moving song; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1989, Ms. Price became director of the Sanctuary Mass Choir at Oakhurst
- 11 Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia, and under her leadership and guidance, the choir
- 12 has grown into an integral part of the church and its services; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Ms. Price inspired Oakhurst's annual Gospelfest and has led the church's choir
- in performances at venues throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area; and
- 15 WHEREAS, God has given Ms. Price a precious gift, and she has devoted her life to sharing
- 16 the Word and providing comfort and fellowship through song; and
- 17 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to her community and this state, it is
- 18 abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and
- 19 accomplishments of this outstanding individual.

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 $20 \quad NOW, THEREFORE, BE\,IT\,RESOLVED\,BY\,THE\,HOUSE\,OF\,REPRESENTATIVES\,that$ 

- 21 the members of this body commend Ms. Joann Price for the positive influence she has had
- 22 upon the lives and futures of countless people in this state with her touching and uplifting
- 23 music and extend to her their most sincere congratulations upon her 20th anniversary with
- 24 Oakhurst Presbyterian Church.
- 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Joann Price.